

REMARKS

The Office rejected the oath or declaration as being defective because the S-signature for each inventor did not appear between forward slashes. Accordingly, the inventors have properly executed a new declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.67(a) identifying the application number and filing date as required, which is included herein.

The Office urged the Applicants to submit any co-pending applications that could be considered material to the examination of the instant invention. Applicants have reviewed the co-pending applications, and do not regard any of them to be material to the instant application. Specifically, Applicants regard none of the co-pending applications as being drawn to, or disclosing the arrangement of the tool joint and tube which allow passage of a transmission line between the tool joint and the tube in the manner described and claimed in the present application.

The Office objected to a number of informalities in the specification. Accordingly, paragraphs 36, 39, 40, 41, and 42 have been amended as suggested by the Office. No new matter has been added.

Additionally Paragraph [0001] has also been amended now to correct the Department of Energy Contract Number. No new matter has been added.

The Office also objected to the drawings because it was unclear as to whether Figures 2 and 4 were prior art. Accordingly, Paragraphs [0014] and [0016] have been amended now to reflect that figure 2 and figure 4 respectively, are drawn to the present invention. The fact they are drawn to the present invention is readily apparent from the specification, as particularly described in paragraphs [0033] through [0036] where numerous elements of the claimed inventions are described and referenced with drawing numerals shown in figures 2 and 4. Additionally, most of the reference numerals in both figures 2 and 4 are also shown in the other drawing figures which are described as being of the present invention.

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The Office objected to claims 1-15 due to a number of informalities. Each of the informalities have been corrected as suggested by the Office. No new matter has been added.

The Office rejected claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dension et al (US 4,095,865). Claim 1 has been amended to include that the tool joint is also adapted for connection to an adjacent tool.

Dension et al (US 4,095,865) does not teach or disclose a tool joint being attached to the upset on the tube at the first and second interfacial surfaces, the tool joint also being adapted for connection to an adjacent tool, and that an opening formed within the wall of the tool joint is in alignment with a passageway formed in the upset. In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is no longer anticipated by Dension et al (US 4,095,865).

Since claims 2, 4-6 and 8-15 all depend from now allowable claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 4-6 and 8-15 are also now allowable.

Claim 16 has also been amended to include that the tool joint is adapted for connection to an adjacent tool when the tool joint and the tube are joined together and that an opening formed within the wall of the tool joint is in alignment with a passageway formed in the upset, which is not taught or disclosed by Dension et al (US 4,095,865). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is also now allowable.

The Office rejected claim 1-2 and 4-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608). Applicants respectfully transverse this rejection. Papadopoulos does not teach nor disclose a upset formed on the end of the tube having an effective inside diameter less than the inside diameter of the tube. With respect to Fig. 1, Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608) shows a downhole component having a tube with an upset end at both the pin end and the box end. However, the box end comprises an inside diameter greater than the inside diameter of the tube and the pin end comprises an inside diameter which appears to be substantially equal to the inside diameter of the tube.

Applicants also respectfully submit that Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608) does not teach or disclose a tool joint being attached to the upset on the tube at the first and second interfacial surfaces, that the tool joint is also adapted for connection to an adjacent tool and that an opening formed within the wall of the tool joint is in alignment with a passageway formed in the upset, which is included in now amended claim 1. Applicants feel that in either case amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608) and is therefore allowable. Since claims 2 and 4-15 depend from allowable base claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 4-15 are also allowable. As described above, Claim 16 has also been amended to include that the tool joint is adapted for connection to an adjacent tool when the tool joint and the tube are joined together, which is not taught or disclosed by Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608). Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is now allowable.

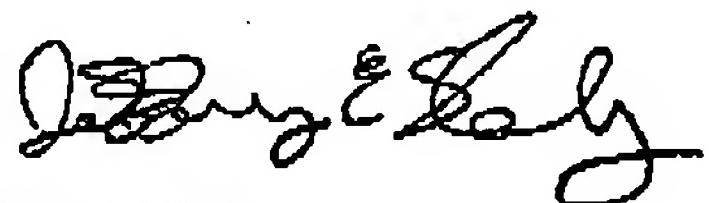
The Office rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable over Dension et al (US 4,095,865). Claim 1 has been amended to overcome Dension et al (US 4,095,865) and since claim 3 depends from allowable claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 is now allowable over Dension et al (US 4,095,865).

The Office rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable over Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608). Applicants respectfully submit that since amended base claim 1 is now allowable over Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608) and since claim 3 depends from amended claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 is allowable over Papadopoulos (US 3,518,608).

In view of the amendments and arguments made herein, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-16 of the application are now allowable, putting the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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